

## **West End Athletic Club Announces Winners of WEAC Schools Track and Field Challenge**

**(Hamilton, Bermuda, 16 March 2005)** The organisers of the Bank of Bermuda Foundation West End Athletic Club (WEAC) School's Track and Field Challenge release today the winning schools of the meet that took place at the National Sports Centre on Sunday, 13 March.

One hundred and sixty junior athletes from 27 schools participated in the meet. Each athlete was permitted to enter either two track and one field event or two field and one track event, in addition to the relay events.

Points were awarded to all finishers, and the top 3 schools in each category (Primary, Middle and High School) will receive cash prizes, \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place.

### **Primary Schools**

West Pembroke Primary  
Francis Patton Primary  
Gilbert Institute

### **Middle Schools**

Sandys Middle School  
Clearwater Middle School  
Whitney Institute

### **High Schools**

CedarBridge Academy  
The Berkeley Institute  
Mount Saint Agnes

The overall winning school, Sandys Middle School, will be presented with the Bank of Bermuda Foundation schools plaque.

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# **Press Release**

Blaine Simmons from Port Royal and Jessica Richardson from Bermuda High School were crowned Champion Boy and Girl. Blaine took first place in both the 100M and 200M, breaking the record for the fastest time in each. He also won second place in the long jump. Jessica won first place in the 100M and 200M and second place in the high jump. They will be awarded a \$200 gift certificate, to help them further their academic and athletic development.

WEAC President, Mr Clarence Smith said, “We are very pleased that we were able to host this event again this year and we look forward to continuing to provide our young people with positive venues that provide a healthy element of competition. I would like to thank the parents, the officials, and the Bank of Bermuda Foundation for making this year's event possible and in particular recognise the great attendance of families at the event, after rain forced a postponement from Saturday.”

David Lang, Bank of Bermuda Foundation Director and Secretary said, “ It is encouraging to see so many talented young people participating in the schools challenge and we congratulate all of them for extending their best effort. We are very pleased to continue our partnership with WEAC in hosting this event for our aspiring junior athletes.”

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Note: Attached are the full results and a list of record breakers.

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**Notes to Editors:**

Bank of Bermuda Foundation helps charities that support the community and people, preserve our local heritage, culture and environment, and help develop the youth of Bermuda. It also offers several scholarships. Established in 2000, the Foundation incorporates the Centennial Trust, Charitable Trust, and Educational Trust, which were established by Bank of Bermuda to support the community in Bermuda.

Since 1989, more than \$15.5 million has been donated to charitable Bermudian organisations.

Applications can be made to Bank of Bermuda Foundation throughout the year on behalf of charitable organisations. Guidelines about what information is needed and who to send it to can be found in the Bank of Bermuda Foundation brochure, which can be picked up from all Bank of Bermuda branches, or by visiting the Bank of Bermuda website at:  
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